



Coalition Of Arizona/
New Mexico Counties
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BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MINUTES

Reconvene Annual Meeting Friday May 17, 2013

9:00 AM Mountain Standard Time (Arizona) 10:00 AM Mountain Daylight Time (New Mexico)

**Glenwood Community Center
Glenwood, New Mexico**

Board Present: Jackie Powell
Tom Klumker
Kim Chesser
Lewis Derrik
Doug Decker
Caren Cowan
Nita Taylor
Sylvia Allen
Richard Searle

Drew John

Proxies

Darr Shannon
Andrew Martinez
Tommie Martin

Non-Voting Members: Howard Hutchinson, Alex Thal, Hugh McKeen, Margie McKeen, Charlie McCarthy

Guests: Barry Weller, Apache County Supervisor

The meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Kim Chesser, Coalition President and Representative for Chaves County, New Mexico.

Item #1: Reconvene Annual Meeting

Action: The motion to reconvene the annual meeting was made by Richard Searle and seconded by Nita Taylor. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #2: Election of New Vice-President

Action: The motion to elect Sylvia Allen, Representative of Navajo County, Arizona was made by Lewis Derrick and seconded by Drew John. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #3: Approval of Treasurer's Reports

Action: The motion to approve the Treasurer Reports for filling for July, August, September, October, November, December 2012, January, February, March and April 2013 was made by Richard Searle and seconded by Jackie Powell. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #4: Approval of 2013 Annual Budget

Action: The motion to approve the 2013 Annual Budget was made by Jackie Powell and seconded by Nita Taylor. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #5: Litigation Update

Howard provided updates on the Tombstone Petition for Certiorari Amicus Brief; Rio Arriba Suit v U.S. Forest Service; Wolf Trapping Suit, 10th Circuit

No Action Taken.

Item #6: Update on Lesser Prairie Chicken Listing

Lewis Derrick provided an update on the Lesser Prairie Chicken Listing and actions concerning the Dunes Lizard. The Fish & Wildlife Service extended the comment period and proposed creating a 4(b) recognition of a multi-state conservation plan for the Prairie Chicken. Mr. Derrick requested that the Coalition work with the Eastern New Mexico Counties in developing comments and to work with the affected counties in New Mexico and Texas and industries and private individuals to monitor the proposed litigation challenging the lizard no listing.

- 1. Action: The motion to have Howard to continue working with the affected counties to develop comments and monitor the issue was made by Doug Decker and Seconded by Jackie Powell. The motion passed unanimously.**
- 2. Action: The motion to have Howard work with the affected counties in New Mexico and Texas and industries and private individuals to monitor the proposed litigation challenging the lizard no listing was made by Richard Searle and seconded by Drew John. The motion passed unanimously.**

Item #7: Report on Desert Land Conservation Cooperative Meetings

Howard provided an update on the Desert Land Conservation Cooperative. He reported that the Steering Committee had approved the Local Government Working Group (LGWG) Charter. The LGWG will provide a conduit to submit research requests concerning implementation of local government projects on a watershed basis. There are still major concerns with the Cooperative in that the primary mission of the National Conservation Cooperative program is to address the effects of climate change.

No Action Taken. The Board directed Howard to continue working with the LGWG and monitor the developments.

Item #8: Report on Mexican Wolf Interdiction Council

Howard provided an update on the Mexican Wolf Interdiction Council meetings.

No Action Taken.

Item #9: Report on Spikedace/Loach Minnow Recovery Team Meetings

Howard provided an update on the Spikedace/Loach Minnow Recovery team meetings and a request to contract with Al Medina to advise on development of the recovery plan.

- 1. Action: The motion to approve up to \$300.00 from the litigation fund to have Al Medina advise on development of the recovery plan was made by Doug Decker and Seconded by Jackie Powell. The motion passed unanimously.**

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Item #10: Consideration of Renewal of Contract with Catron County Firestarter

The renewal of the contract for 2013 with the Catron County Firestarter (Howard Hutchinson) was presented to the Board with no changes to the 2012 contract.

Action: The motion to approve renewal of the contract was made by Richard Searle and Seconded by Lewis Derrick. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #11: Consideration of Renewal of NESARC Membership

The invoice for renewal of the Coalition's membership with the National Endangered Species Act Reform Coalition was presented to the Board for consideration.

Action: The motion to approve renewal of the membership in the amount of \$250.00 was made by Richard Searle and Seconded by Sylvia Allen. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #12: Consideration of Annual Awards

The Board deliberated on making of the annual awards for 2012. The following nominations were considered: The New Mexico Off-Highway Vehicle Alliance for New Mexico Organization Of The Year, the Goldwater Institute For Their Efforts To Protect Tombstones Water Rights Arizona Organization Of The Year, Tommie Martin Arizona Supervisor Of The Year, Lewis Derrick New Mexico Commissioner Of The Year, and Joe Delk Individual Of The Year.

Action: The motion to approve the awards as nominated was made by Nita Taylor and Seconded by Sylvia Allen. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #13: Upcoming Meetings: Next Meeting, June, Conference Call? - July 27th meeting at the Arizona Cattle Growers' Association Summer Annual Conference

The Board stated that if a meeting was necessary for June Howard should conduct a poll to select a date for a conference call. If no June meeting the Board will meet in conjunction with the Arizona Cattle Growers Summer Conference in Chandler, Arizona.

Action: The motion to approve payment for the meeting room at the Cattle Growers Conference was made by Doug Decker and Seconded by Sylvia Allen. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #14: Other Business

Outfitter Director Tom Klumker requested that Coalition send a letter to Supervisor Kelly Russell asking for prompt action on getting the trails and trail heads opened in the Gila wilderness. The lack of action by the Forest Service is having a significant negative impact on the economy of the region.

Action: The motion to draft the letter was made by Sylvia Allen and Seconded by Lewis Derrick. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #14: Executive Session to Consider Pending or Possible Litigation

Action: The motion to enter into executive session to discuss pending or possible litigation was made by Sylvia Allen and Seconded by Lewis Derrick. The motion passed unanimously.

President Kim Chesser brought the open meeting back into session with the statement that only pending or possible litigation was discussed.

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Action: A motion to have Howard work with Catron County and Dr. Alex Thal on the Mexican wolf issues was made by Doug Decker and Seconded by Lewis Derrick. The motion passed unanimously.

President Kim Chesser adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.